



Montana Immunization Program Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Pink Book Webinars

Join CDC for "Pink Book Wednesdays" starting on June 14th. Each Wednesday from 10-11am (MT), CDC experts will discuss a chapter of *The 13th Edition Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases* and answer viewer's questions. Pre-registration is required and continuing education will be available for each webinar. All webinars will be archived and posted two weeks after the live session. Click [HERE](#) for more information, including session topics and registration.

Archived IZ Provider Sessions

Immunization Provider Education sessions posted to the Montana Medical Association's website will begin to expire in the next coming months. Check out the IZ Provider Section to learn which archived sessions are available and when the sessions will expire!

New Vaccine Administration e-Learn is Available

A new e-Learn on vaccine administration is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/courses.html#elearn-vaccadmin>.

Proper vaccine administration is critical for ensuring that vaccines are both safe and effective. Vaccine administration errors happen more often than you might think. Of the average 36,000 reports received annually by the [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#), about 1,500 of those reports are directly related to administration error.

Some of the most common vaccination administration errors include:

- Not following the recommended immunization schedule

- Administering improperly stored or expired vaccine and/or diluent
- Administering the wrong vaccine—confusing look-alike or sound-alike vaccines such as DTaP/Tdap or administering products outside age indications

The [e-Learn](#) is a free, interactive, online educational program that serves as a useful introductory course or a great refresher on vaccine administration. The self-paced e-Learn provides comprehensive training, using videos, job aids, and other resources to accommodate a variety of learning styles, and offers a certificate of completion and/or Continuing Education (CE) for those that complete the training.

For more information, please contact nipinfo@cdc.gov.

August is right around the corner!



National Immunization Awareness Month and back-to-school both occur during the month of August. This is a great time to message to your patients about the importance of vaccines. CDC, in collaboration with the National Public Health Information Coalition, developed communication toolkits to help communicate about vaccines for various audiences. The audiences include pregnant women, babies and young children, preteen/teens, and adults.

For more information, including messaging and banners, click [HERE](#).



Immunization Action Plan (IAP) School Immunization Requirements Training

This 30 minute WebEx presentation is intended for all IAP contractors. This presentation will cover school immunization requirements and the responsibilities of the schools and local health jurisdictions. There will be a question and answer session after the presentation. IAP contractors have two opportunities to view this presentation.

1. Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 8:00 am

<https://hhsmt.webex.com/hhsmt/j.php?MTID=m6a912e5d01ac3c53ab0fcce75a2c5095>

Meeting number: 808 214 804

Meeting password: montana

2. Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 3:00pm

<https://hhsmt.webex.com/hhsmt/j.php?MTID=m40c094d8fb1d289b51f87f09de44dda7>

Meeting number: 807 812 593

Meeting password: montana

Questions? Contact Laura Baus at lbous@mt.gov or 444-6978.



2017 Immunization Provider Education Series

Immunization for Healthcare Personnel

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 12:00pm (Mountain Time) Presented by Sue Sebazco, RN, MBA, CIC, Infection Prevention Director for Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital

This continuing nursing education activity was approved by the Montana Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

1.25 nursing contact hours for each webinar session.

Click [HERE](#) for webinar login information and additional details about the webinar series.

Archived Immunization Provider Education Series

The following webinar sessions are available to view one year from the date of the original presentation. The sessions are available on the MMA website at no cost. Nursing staff can receive 1.25 nursing contact hours for each session.

1. *Prevention of Influenza in High-Risk Groups: What Are the Vaccine Options and Strategies?* presented by Dr. Poland from Mayo Clinic- **Available until 09/23/2017**

2. *HPV Immunization: Separating the Myths from Reality* presented by Dr. Erin Stevens from Billings Clinic- **Available until 11/21/2017**

3. *Applying Principles of Vaccination to Vaccine Administration Best Practices* presented by Donna Weaver, RN, MN from CDC- **Available until 02/06/2018**

4. *Strategies to Communicate with Vaccine Hesitant Parents* presented by JoEllen Wolicki BSN, RN from CDC- **Available until 03/28/2018**

5. *Adolescent Immunizations: Give It a Shot* presented by Amy Middleman, MD, MEd, MPH University of Oklahoma Chief of Adolescent Medicine- **Available until 05/30/2018**



VFC Corner

Monthly VFC Hot Topics Webinar

When: Every other month, last Tuesday and Thursday of the month.

[Updated Hot Topics Schedule](#)

[Archived Presentations](#)

September Hot Topic- IZ Billing for Adult Immunizations

Save the date!

- Tuesday, September 26th at 12:00pm
- Thursday, September 28th at 12:00pm

Please help us develop our VFC Hot Topics webinar! If there is a subject you would like us to cover, please send to hhsiz@mt.gov.

VFC Reminders

Are your numbers off??

When you go to reconcile your vaccine inventory every month, are your numbers always off or incorrect? If you answered yes to this, please don't hesitate to reach out to the VFC program.



Why is it important that your vaccine inventory numbers add up? There are lots of reasons, but one of the major reasons is we process vaccine orders based off your clinic's current inventory in imMTrax. It is also important to record the correct doses given.

If you answered no, great job and keep up the good work!

We are here to offer assistance and help! Please call Katie at 444-1613 or e-mail kgrady@mt.gov to assist with your reconciliations.



Vaccines and Multidose Vials

A multidose vial (MDV) is a packaging presentation that contains more than one dose of vaccine. They can be entered (punctured) more than once and typically contain a preservative to prevent the growth of microorganisms. MDVs used to be a very common vaccine presentation but have been mostly replaced with single-dose vials or syringes. A few vaccines are only available in MDVs while others are available in several presentations with MDVs being one of them. Providers may choose MDVs over single-dose presentations because of cost and/or convenience.

MDVs come with special considerations particularly after they have been opened. Please adhere to the following precautions when using public MDVs of vaccine. For private vaccine and MDVs of products other than vaccines, please refer to the prescribing information and your facility policies.

- Only draw the number of doses indicated in the prescribing information then discard the vial.
- MDVs can be used until the expiration date printed on the vial unless the manufacturer specifies a "Beyond Use Date" or BUD in the prescribing information. Always check the prescribing information to confirm the expiry of MDVs.
- Report all doses of wasted vaccine to the Immunization Program using our Wasted and Expired form whether in a MDV or single-dose presentation. Please note that the reporting process differs depending on whether the MDV is opened or unopened. Be sure to follow the correct procedure on the form.
- Monitor temperatures in vaccine storage units and report all temperature excursions according to Immunization Program policy.
- DO NOT routinely transport opened, MDVs

- Only transport opened, multi-dose vials in an emergency and then only within the same organization/provider.
- NEVER transport opened, multi-dose between organizations/providers or across state lines.
- In mass vaccination settings, only have one MDV at a time out of storage for preparation and administration per clinician.

imMTrax Announcements

imMTrax: Using the Client County Field with MOGE to Improve Montana's Data



When a client leaves your clinic, the recommended action is to remove any Medical Home Associations they have to your site by changing the client Status field to Inactive- Moved or Gone Elsewhere (MOGE).

For clients that have moved out of Montana and will not be continuing any immunizations services in the state, please take the time to also update their County to Moved Out of State! Every day Montana's population changes and new records are added to imMTrax. Changing the county designation to Moved Out of State removes that client record from Montana's active population or resident data. We know imMTrax is only as good as the information in it and we want imMTrax to be as true a representation of Montana's population as possible. Thank you for your dedication in making sure imMTrax works for Montana!

Questions? Contact Michelle at mfuncness@mt.gov.

Monthly Vaccine-Preventable Disease Report

Table 1. Select Vaccine-Preventable Disease Counts by Jurisdiction of Residence- June 2017 and 2017 Year to Date

Select Vaccine Preventable Disease Case Counts by Jurisdiction of Residence, 2017	Haemophilus influenzae, invasive	Mumps	Pertussis	Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive	Varicella (Chickenpox)
Jurisdiction					
CARBON				1	
CHOUTEAU				1	
FLATHEAD		2			
LEWIS AND CLARK			5	2	
POWELL			2		
ROOSEVELT					1
SANDERS			1		
SILVER BOW					1
YELLOWSTONE	1				
Total	1	2	8	4	2
2017 Year to date	17	6	45	50	21

June 2017

Several new pertussis cases were added in June that were part of an ongoing outbreak in Lewis and Clark County. The majority of cases were middle school aged students. To date, 45 cases of pertussis have been reported statewide; over half were attributed to outbreaks in two counties (Lewis and Clark and McCone). One *Haemophilus influenzae* case was reported in an adult that was not type B (untypeable). Flathead County reported two cases of mumps in school aged children that were linked to out of country travel. Sporadic cases of chickenpox were reported from Roosevelt and Silverbow counties. Cases ranged from 5–31 years.

Table 2. Influenza Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths

	Cases	Hospitalizations	Deaths
2016-2017 Season*	7935	829	56

*October 2, 2016 through June 1, 2017

Data retrieved from DPHHS. For questions contact CDEpi at 406-444-0273.

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